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AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING ARTICLE II, ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AMENDING SECTION 2.2, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (7) ENTITLED LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING ARTICLE III, ELECTED COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 3.4 ENTITLED LIMITATIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT QUESTION TO BE POSED TO THE LEON COUNTY ELECTORATE AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2010; PROVIDING FOR THE BALLOT QUESTION FORM; PROVIDING FOR FURTHER AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida,

that:

Section 1. Article II, Section 2.2 of the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida,
is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2.2. Legislative Branch.

(1) **The County Commission.** The governing body of the County shall be a Board of County Commissioners composed of seven (7) members serving staggered terms of four (4) years. There shall be one (1) Commissioner elected for each of the five (5) County Commission districts, established pursuant to general law or by ordinance, and they shall be elected by the electors of that district. There shall be two (2) At-large Commissioners elected on a countywide basis by the electors of the County. Elections for all seven (7) members of the County Commission shall be non-partisan. Each candidate for the office of district County Commissioner shall reside within the district from which such candidate seeks election at the

1 time of qualifying to run for that office, and during the term of office each Commissioner shall
2 reside in the district from which such Commissioner ran for office, provided that any
3 Commissioner whose residence is removed from a district by redistricting may continue to serve
4 during the balance of the term of office.

5 (2) **Redistricting.** Redistricting of County Commission district boundaries shall be
6 in accordance with general law, changed only after notice and a public hearing as provided by
7 general law.

8 (3) **Salaries and Other Compensation.** Salaries and other compensation of the
9 County Commissioners shall be established by ordinance, and salary shall not be lowered during
10 an officer's term in office.

11 (4) **Authority.** The Board of County Commissioners shall exercise all legislative
12 authority provided by this Home Rule Charter in addition to all other powers and duties
13 authorized by general law or special law approved by a vote of the electorate.

14 (5) **Vacancies.** A vacancy in the office of County Commissioner shall be defined and
15 filled as provided by general law.

16 (6) **Administrative Code.** The County Commission shall adopt an administrative
17 code in accordance with general law.

18 (7) **Limitation on Campaign Contributions.** No candidate for any County office
19 for which compensation is paid shall accept any contribution from any contributor, including a
20 political committee, as defined by state law, in cash or in kind, in an amount in excess of \$250
21 per election.

Section 2. Article III of the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, is hereby amended by adding a new Section 3.4 entitled "Limitation on Campaign Contributions," to read as follows:

Sec. 3.4. Limitation on Campaign Contributions.

No candidate for any County office for which compensation is paid shall accept any contribution from any contributor, including a political committee, as defined by state law, in cash or in kind, in an amount in excess of \$250 per election.

Section 3. Ballot Question To Be Presented To Electorate.

The proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, shall be presented to the qualified Leon County electorate by placing the question of whether to adopt same on the ballot at the special election to be held on November 2, 2010.

Section 4. Ballot Question Form.

The question on the ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

**LIMITATION ON LOCAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION AS PROPOSED
BY THE CITIZEN CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Question

Shall the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida be amended to establish limits on campaign contributions for candidates for county commissioner and county constitutional offices to \$250 per election from individuals or political committees; effective January 1, 2011?

Yes for Approval _____

No for Rejection _____

Section 5. Further Authorization.

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, is authorized to adopt all resolutions and take all actions necessary in order for this Charter amendment referendum to be

1 properly placed on the ballot for the special election of November 2, 2010. Said referendum
2 shall be conducted according to the requirements of law governing referendum elections in the
3 State of Florida.

4 **Section 6. Severability.**

5 If any word, phrase, clause, section or portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or
6 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion or words shall be deemed a
7 separate and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the
8 remaining portions thereof.

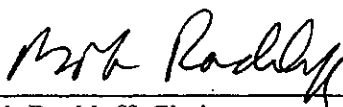
9 **Section 7. Effective Date.**

10 This ordinance shall have effect upon becoming law, but shall be of no further force or
11 effect if the proposed Charter amendments are not duly approved at the November 2, 2010,
12 special election. The amendments to the Home Rule Charter of Leon County, Florida, as
13 proposed by this Ordinance, shall become effective January 1, 2011, if the Charter amendment is
14 approved by a "yes" vote by a majority of those duly qualified electors voting on the question
15 posed at the November 2, 2010, referendum.

16 DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Leon
17 County, Florida, this 17th day of August, 2010.

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19 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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22 By: _____

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24 Bob Rackleff, Chairman
25 Board of County Commissioners
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1 ATTESTED BY:
2 BOB INZER, CLERK OF THE COURT
3 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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6 By: John Stott, Deputy Clerk

7 Clerk
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10 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
11 COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
12 LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
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15 By: Herbert W. A. Thiele, Esq.

16 Herbert W. A. Thiele, Esq.
17 County Attorney